

REMARKS

The Final Rejection of November 7, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and this response addresses the concerns stated in the Final Rejection. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11, 29-33, 43-48, and 58-85 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 2, 12-29, 34-43, 49-58, 70, 83, and 84 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to present these claims in a divisional application.

Claim 85 is allowable.

Claims 3-6, 48, 59-69, and 71-73 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 3, 48, 59, 68, 71, and 72 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Further, dependent claims 7, 30, 44, and 74-82 have been amended to provide consistency with the amended independent claims.

II. CONCLUSION

Claims 3-11, 30-33, 44-48, and 59-69, 71-82, and 85 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the original application, there were 57 total claims and 8 independent claims. As of the present amendment, there are 42 total claims and 7 independent claims. Thus, no new fees are deemed to be required. However, in case there are fees required, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Order No. 12078-139.

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